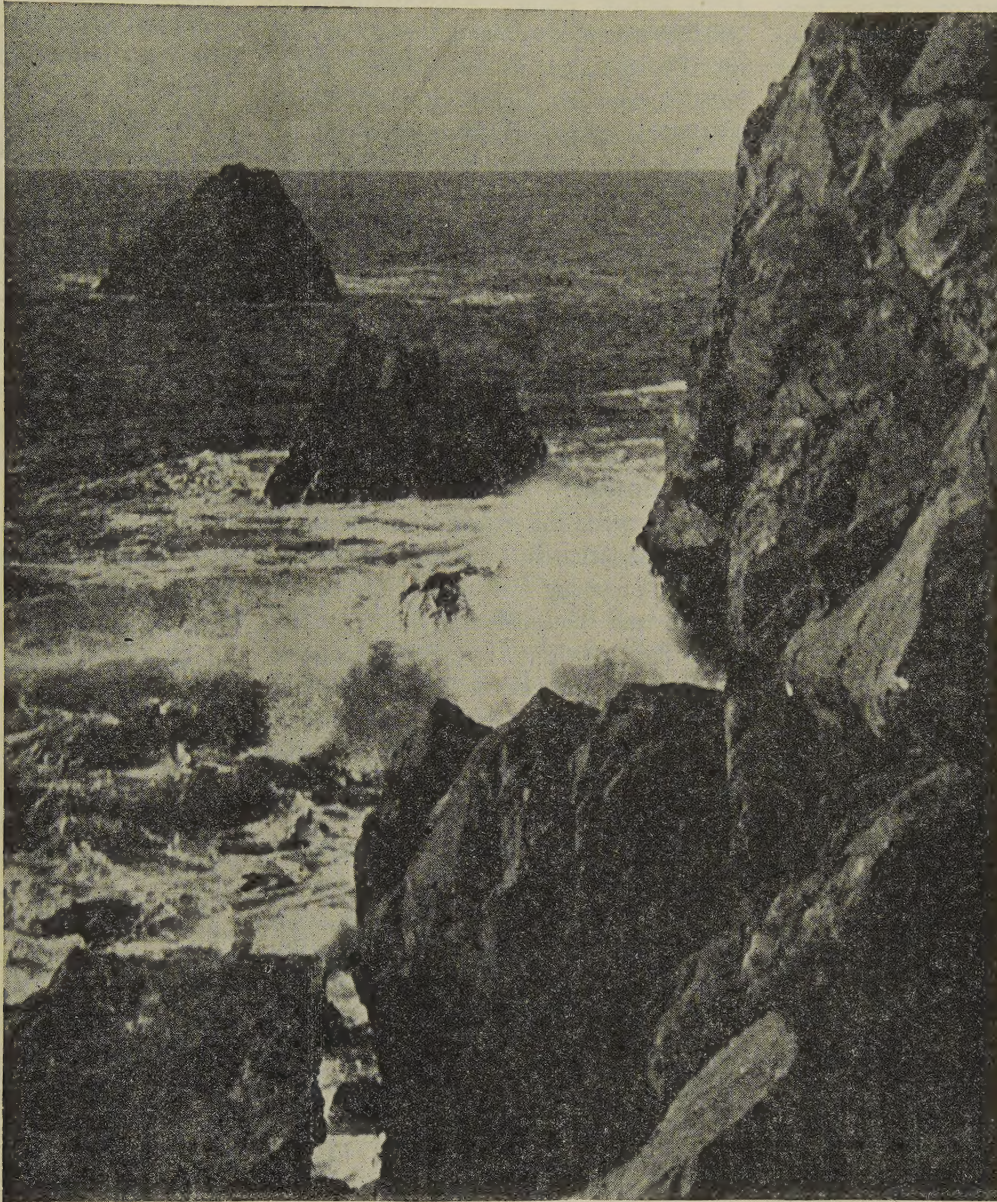


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Rock of Ages

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

*Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die!*

*While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.*

CURRENT SIGNS

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY—BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

An Eventful Year

Since I wrote my last column we have passed the anniversary date of the first year of the so-called "Second World War." Little did we dream a year ago that such tremendous events would take place in so short a time. If we could look into the future and see what lies before us this coming year no doubt we would trem-



ble. But Christ says, "Fear not."

Hitler's Gain

The figures recently published in the *Pathfinder* reveal that prior to September 1, 1939, the following acquisitions were made by Hitler without war: Austria, 6,500,000 population, 32,000 square miles; Sudetenland, 3,500,000 population, 10,000 square miles; Czechoslovakia, 9,500,000 population, 34,000 square miles; Memel, 150,000 population, 820 square miles; making a total of 19,650,000 people and 77,330 square miles.

Hitler's gain the first year of the war included the following staggering figures: Poland, 22,000,000 population, 73,500 square miles; Denmark, 3,750,000 population, 16,575 square miles; Norway, 2,700,000 population, 75,333 square miles; Luxembourg, 300,000 population, 999 square miles; Netherlands, 8,700,000 population, 12,704 square miles; Belgium, 8,400,000 population, 11,775 square miles; France (occupied), 27,800,000 population, 117,000 square miles; totaling 73,650,000 persons and 307,886 square miles of territory.

In terms of population and area the total of these two statements is 93,300,000 human beings and 385,216 square miles. Thirteen sovereign states have lost their independence or portions of their territory during this past year. God alone knows how many more countries shall meet their doom this coming year.

The Terrible Price

Following is a conservative estimate of the price of these gains in soldier casualties

alone as reported in a special *Associated Press* article: France, 350,000 killed, 1,000,000 wounded; Poland, 200,000 killed, 800,000 wounded; Russia, 100,000 killed, 375,000 wounded; Germany, 70,000 killed, 250,000 wounded; Britain, 40,000 killed, 150,000 wounded; Belgium, 35,000 killed, 70,000 wounded; Holland, 30,000 killed, 140,000 wounded; Finland, 26,000 killed, 60,000 wounded; Norway, 5,000 killed, 15,000 wounded; Italy, 1,000 killed, 5,000 wounded; totaling 857,000 belligerents killed during the first year of war, and 2,864,000 wounded.

What price war!

Conscription

As we write this column we learn that the Conscription Bill has become law and millions of young men will be required to register and thousands will be drawn into compulsory service. If we should be drawn into this present war the Conscription Bill may be the death sentence for many a young man who will be required to shed his blood because of mankind's inhumanity and insanity.

It makes our hearts bleed when we think of the havoc that is being wrought in the world. Homes destroyed, families separated, loved ones missing, minds shattered, bodies wrecked, souls damned because man will not follow the Lowly Christ and His teachings.

Oh, for a conscription of multitudes into the army of Christ to lead the world back to God, righteousness, and peace! May we who are Christian soldiers fight the good fight of faith in these days of spiritual wickedness and carry on the great work of rescuing lost souls from eternal death.

Government Cost

This war preparation will add billions more to our present national debt. It may be of interest to know that the entire expenditure of the United States from the beginning of George Washington's administration until the close of Herbert Hoover's administration including the last World War was 112 million dollars. During the last eight years 65 million dollars has been expended which is approximately

20 million dollars greater than the total expenditures during the World War.

The United States has spent in the last eight years 58½ per cent as much as all of its expenditures put together in 144½ years. The taxes in these depression years have been 44 per cent as much as all the past presidents have collected together. Our national debt has doubled during this time.

A great deal of this extravagant expenditure was found necessary because of the aftermath of the last war, and now some would have us believe that we are entering into another war with the effects of the last one still upon us. Huge expenditures for preparedness will make the figures mount still higher. What will be the effects of all this spending? Will we face another depression with all its disastrous results?

The government has decisively demonstrated that the spending of money is not a panacea for the country's troubled condition. Man's disobedience to the will of God is the original cause and underlies all the trouble. Until this is admitted there can be no satisfactory approach to the remedy. Christ is our hope and comfort in these perilous times.

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Christians are like coals; they burn the brightest when gathered into heaps. And they are like trees; they grow the tallest when they stand together.

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News of the World and News of the Word

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WE ARE living in abnormal times, and under the stress and tension of such, many of us are doing exceptional things in order to adapt ourselves to the present conditions. The world seems topsy-turvy, and many families have deemed it wise to do likewise with their homes: they have transferred their bedrooms from upstairs to downstairs and their dining rooms vice-versa; when it is possible, they sleep during the day instead of the night; and if that is not possible they sleep in their "war-time bungalows"—A.R.P. shelters—in case of air raids! And in many other ways we have adapted ourselves to war-time conditions. This is the reason why, each morning I pick up the morning newspaper, my Bible is lying at my side!

It is not an act of coincidence, or sentimentality, it is an act of purpose and necessity!—that purpose is to preserve balance! In these momentous days we are all being made "news-conscious," and from morning till night, through the radio, the printed page, and a hundred other channels, the "news-stream" flows through our eyes, ears, and minds until—unless we are very careful—we are dominated by it. Hence the need of *balance*!

In pre-war days, the question used to be, "What readest thou?" Today it is, "How readest thou?" Unless we are on the lookout, we are faced with a great peril. The "News of the World"—which often is very grave—may undermine our faith in God, and sweep us off our feet, by the waves of depression and anxiety it generates—unless we have something to counteract it. That something is "balance," and that can only be maintained by an equally intensive reading and study of the Word. Therefore, when reading the "News of the World" remember the "News of the Word"!

The reading of the Scriptures throws the events of the day into their correct perspective and—at least to me—causes them to create in my own heart, not depression and fear, but inspiration, hope and exhortation!

Let me illustrate:

I take up my newspaper and read: "France—a day of national mourning. Groaning beneath her awful burdens and

writhing in agony with her war wounds, France takes her sorrows to God. Churches are crowded." (The report went on to say that every church was packed to the doors; never before had so many people flocked to church.)

I pause for a moment and lay down the paper. I visualise the event. The scenes flash before my eyes like the film of a movie-camera. I see the tragic picture of a land that is ravaged by war: streets pocketed with bomb craters; buildings shattered; multitudes slowly walking along the shell-scarred pavements—living emblems of agony and hopeless despair!

As I dwell upon these scenes of havoc, with a shock I recall that the enemy of France is *ours* too! and that all the might of her boasted Maginot Line, with its vast weapons of defence, were useless against this terrible invader! A wave of depression grips me—then I read again: *France takes her sorrows to God! Churches filled!* Those few words transform the picture. Atheistic France filling the churches! It is like a thin gleam of light emanating from a scene of black hopelessness and despair.

France—in her hour of greatest need—turning to the God she has so long despised and scorned! It is an act far more vital and pregnant with possibilities than any taken during the war. It is an act which, if persisted in with the whole heart, would lead to a turn of the tide, and a restoration of her nation!

With this thought in my mind I turn from the "News of the World" to the "News of the Word" and read: "*If ye return unto the Lord with all your hearts, and put away your strange gods, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord to serve Him only: He will deliver you.*"

The "wave of depression" that gripped me and threatened to overwhelm me has now gone! hope and inspiration have taken its place. Hope—as I see, in the National Day of Mourning, an attitude to God, which, if maintained will result in the rebirth of a greater and nobler France; and inspiration—as I feel inspired to pray as never before that that day of "joy for mourning" may soon dawn.

In this incident alone, it will be seen that my "balance" has been maintained. What

might have filled me with grief, and engulfed me with despair, has been transformed into hope—and action!

Similar reactions will take place when reading other news items, if read in the same way.

One more illustration will suffice:

"The amazing exploits of the air force have made it clear that the defence of our island depends on it." Reading the adventures of some of these heroes of the air, I was filled with admiration for their courage and perseverance. I then repeated the words: "The defence of the island depends on the air force." I thought for a moment, and then realised how true these words are. The defence of our Island Home certainly does depend on the Air Force—but not just the squadrons who have fought so gallantly in their Spitfires and Hurricanes. It depends on those spiritual squadrons of true Christians who, soaring up to heaven on the wings of prayer and faith, have petitioned God to be our Shield and Defence!

The full-consecrated Christian is a "born" airman! He possesses a heavenly nature, lives in heavenly places, has a heavenly home, and is ever lifting up his head toward heaven! One day—in the near future—he hopes to take his first flight—to heaven with Christ! Britain possesses the greatest spiritual air force in the world, and that is the strength of her defence! The "miracle of Dunkirk" and the hindering of the threatened invasion is the Divine outcome of loyal operation of this force on its knees.

The "News of the World" describing the Air Force's exploits filled me with admiration; but the reading of the "News of the Word" translates and spiritualises the picture into my own life and fills me with zeal in my calling, and a determination to be loyal in service. The exploits of the Royal Air Force become a challenge to me to do similar great things for my heavenly King.

It was said of old that "in those days the Word was precious"; it is just as true today; therefore be sure that when you read the "News of the World" you have the "News of the Word" by your side and keep—*balanced*!

Introducing. . .

Happy Camp Church

Far up on the beautiful Klamath River in Northern California is a typical mountain community in which there stands a small church, set apart for worship and for the promulgation of the Pentecostal message. Happy Camp, as the town is known, is the site of a growing Assembly of God work pastored by Brother and Sister F. W. Thomas.

It was in January, 1939, that Brother and Sister Thomas went to this little Klamath River town under the direction of the Home Missions Committee. Services were held in the newly-erected community church building that was started by W. P. Carpenter who formerly pastored there. The blessing and approval of the Lord attended the efforts of this young couple and recently the District leased the building for several years, assuring the people that the full gospel will continue to be preached there in all its simplicity and power.

The need was felt for a suitable home for the pastors and property was purchased by the Home Missions Committee and funds supplied for the erection of a parsonage. Brother Thomas and members of the assembly supplied the labor for the building of the new log home and though it is not entirely finished Brother and Sister Thomas and their little daughter are living in it and write as follows:

"We enjoy our new home very much and though there are still a few things to be done to finish the house, it is livable and quite comfortable. We wish to thank the Missions Committee for making it possible.



SERVICES AT TREASURE ISLAND

The Temple of Religion on Treasure Island was the scene of two services of inspiration, Saturday, September 21, conducted and sponsored jointly by the Christ's Ambassadors and the Northern California and Nevada District Council. District Superintendent Leland R. Keys delivered the address at the afternoon vesper service, speaking from Heb. 6:19, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul. . . ." "Practical Christianity" was the subject of the evening message brought by Donald G. Weston of Modesto, C. A. Counselor. C. A. President Harold S. Lehmann and Vice President Oliver L. Foth presided as chairmen of the services assisted by E. Wm. Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

The music was furnished by the Ambassador Chorus, a young people's group from Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, directed by Gaylord Atwell; and the Bethel Temple Ensemble from Sacramento. The latter consisted of Miss Gladys Schunke, harpist; Miss Naomi Gaston, vibra harpist; Mrs. Dorothy Gararden and Miss Cora Thompson, violinists; and Mr. Vernon Gararden, director and tenor soloist.

It is believed that much good was accomplished in these services as doubtless there were many among the several hundred who entered the sanctuary dedicated to spiritual truths, who were impressed by the gospel message in word and song and by the sincerity of consecrated Christian young people.

We plan to put a lawn and flowers in front of the house as soon as the weather permits. A log house is being constructed next to us now as our pictures will show which makes our house more conformable with the section of town we are in."

Much of the furniture was given by the Women's Missionary Council, thus making the parsonage more comfortable and attractive.

Brother and Sister Thomas report that recently in a Sunday night service the boys from a nearby C.C.C. camp were present and eight came forward to the altar for salvation.

Above: Brother and Sister Thomas
in front of the community
church
Below: Newly erected parsonage

From Death to Life

By MAX FREIMARK

(Continued from last issue)

My health kept me from many a sin which I would otherwise have indulged in. Gambling was entirely out of the question. Even playing billiards or cards would upset me. Moving pictures of the all-day type would make me nervous. Though I liked dancing in a way, I had to be dragged there because something in me was fighting against it. People would call me stingy, but they would not know nor could I myself explain what it was that put me against the innocent doings of society. One day while enjoying a glass of beer with some friends in the old country, one said, "You neither drink, nor play, nor smoke, why don't you sell your pocketbook?" An uncle of mine who stood close to members of the royal court in Bavaria and who would introduce me to magistrates and other persons of high standing, told me that I would surely spoil my career because I did not indulge in the habits of society. But it was not in me to partake of their dainties. While I moved freely in their circles my heart was continually longing for a quiet life. "In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

My education in the Hebrew consisted in the study and translation of the books of Moses and our prayer book. Jewish festivals, ordinances, history and the prophets were, for the most part, studied in German. The coming of the Messiah was pictured in the most glowing language but there never was there the least indication of His necessary shame and sufferings. He was pointed to as freeing us immediately from all bondage at His appearing, bringing us peace, rest and joy after gathering us all in Palestine. New Jerusalem, of course, was not known.

After leaving home and going through the different schools I was further and further drawn away from God. At times I would doubt whether there was a God though the fire in me was never fully extinguished. The seed lay dormant and occasionally a spark would flare up. At first it would cut my heart like a knife when I would study philosophers and find them questioning and dissecting the being of man and God, things which had been sacred to me.

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What Is In Thy Hand?

By JUNE S. GARRARD
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In the heart of every born-again, Spirit-filled child of God there is a longing and cry to God to be used of Him, to be of real service to the Master. Ofttimes we have heard some one say, "Oh, if I only could be really used of the Lord to win souls and further His kingdom on the earth in these fast fleeting hours, but I am not equipped or fitted in any special way." And so because they cannot do something outstanding, something spectacular for God, they do little or nothing.

Today the Lord is calling for those who truly and sincerely believe Him, to launch out in unquestioning faith and to let Him be the judge as to what talent or ability they have that He may use to His glory.

In the third and fourth chapters of Exodus, God speaks to Moses concerning the gigantic task of bringing forth the millions of Israel who languish in bondage and slavery under Pharaoh's yoke. Moses immediately begins to enumerate all his weaknesses, deficiencies, and reasons why he, of all men, is least capable of accomplishing such a feat. And finally when we hear Moses assuring God that Pharaoh will not believe him even if he goes to him, the Lord answers with, "What is that in thine hand?" "A rod," Moses replies. Just his old commonplace, unseemly shepherd's rod that he has used in the every day task of caring for Jethro's flock. Just a plain simple stick used in plain daily service.

"Cast it on the ground!" God commands. What a simple thing to do. A small child could do the same. How useless and strange this must have sounded to Moses. Throwing an unsightly stick on the ground! What could that mean in connection with a command to go before Pharaoh demanding the release of Israel's millions!

But Moses obeys. He yields the rod to God's command. Instantly a miracle is wrought. The rod is a serpent to convince earth's mightiest monarch that this shepherd of the desert speaks with divine authority. This humble tender of Jethro's flocks yields to God his lowliest possession and God uses it to do a mighty work.

"And Moses fled from before it." The thing that but a moment before had seemed so commonplace becomes something that startles Moses and he runs away.

How many today have talents that seem too small to yield to God and yet if yielded to Him would bring amazement and surprise to the possessor. What is that in thy hand? What is that hidden talent, that ability to do some small task well? What is that power you hold in your hand though unseemly it may be but if yielded to God would work miracles to His glory? All cannot be Moodys, Finneys, or Pauls and astound the world by mighty preaching. God would not have it so.

But, "What is that in thy hand?" Just a needle? Yield it to God! How do you know but what some garment you mend or make may clothe some one fitly to attend the house of the Lord and there to find Christ? Will not the Father account that soul to you? Did not Dorcas have the ministry of a yielded needle and her service recorded for multitudes to know about?

Rahab, what is that in thy hand? "Only a scarlet cord." But, Rahab, if by faith you place it in the window it will mean Life to you and your family. What little thing in your life yielded to God may bring salvation to your loved ones? Maybe just the grace to keep sweet under trying circumstances. Maybe self-sacrifice and willingness to be of service to one who has been unkind or hurtful. Our loved ones who are out of Christ might not listen to us though we were great preachers, but they do watch our everyday lives with a scrutiny that we may little suspect. The least thing we do may lead them to Christ or cause them to turn forever from Him. What scarlet cord do we hold in our hand that may mean Life to some soul?

Shamgar, what is that in thy hand? "An ox goad that I use in my daily toil." And yet when God got hold of Shamgar's hand as it clutched that ugly old ox goad, it wrought deliverance to all Israel. Did Shamgar the ox driver see the power in that ox goad? Not until he gave it to God. There may be an ox goad in your hand today that will bring deliverance to some of God's Israel if you yield it willingly to the Lord. Will some soul miss heaven because of an unsundered ox goad?

What is that in thy hand, little boy? "Five loaves and two fishes for my lunch." He gave it to Jesus and it fed a multitude.

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A LAST CHANCE

By C. ELY PERSING

"And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man" (Gen. 6:3).

At the time of this text the wickedness of man was great in the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The earth was corrupt before God and was filled with violence for all flesh had corrupted His way upon earth. What a terrible state! It repented God that He had made man, and yet in His love and mercy He gave to the whole creation a last chance. Noah, a preacher of righteousness, faithfully declared God's testimony. But the people refused to hearken unto his preaching and finally the day came when God shut the door of the ark, shutting Noah and his family inside and shutting the rest of mankind outside. Mercy had reached its limit. Wrath descended. Judgment was meted out. God's Spirit ceased to strive in the hearts of men.

If sin were merely a weakness then mercy might well be unlimited; but when sin becomes rebellion and manifests itself in deeds of cruelty and violence toward God and man, wherein would continued mercy be to the glory of God or to the advantage of the sinner? If there was no limit to God's mercy and the sinner was aware of it, there would be no end to the abuse of such mercy and indulgence in sin. Mercy does not lessen the greatness of sin nor do away with its wages.

An old gentleman whom I knew several years ago in Nevada, said there was no chance for his being saved as he was after the order of Cain, appointed unto eternal damnation without the mercy of God. Such an attitude is one of delusion. However, as the Scriptures record there is a place of sin which is beyond the mercy of God. The love of God long abused causes the Spirit to cease to strive with man.

Opportunity has been provided through Christ to save the vilest sinner, but a continual rejection of this extended mercy calls for justice. God declares, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

This is a crucial hour. The floods of judgment are rising. But God's door of mercy is still open to those who will turn to Him in true repentance and faith.

The VOICE of the District Superintendent

"Workers together with Him."

Dear Fellow-laborers:

A number of our brethren have asked that we discuss certain vital subjects in our fellowship meetings. It would seem from



Leland R. Keys

talking with these ministers that they are meeting problems in their churches that demand a solution; questions that must be answered; pressing issues that must be faced and settled. The fact that these brethren are asking for an open discussion of these matters is indicative of several things. In the first place it indicates that we realize that "in the midst of counsellors there is safety," or, if you prefer, the Revised Version, "in the multitude of counsellors there is victory" (Prov. 24:6 margin). It indicates a humility of spirit, a willingness to learn from others. It shows that the "know-it-all" attitude is blessedly absent. Further, this request indicates that we are alive. Only a live church or pastor can have questions and problems that press for an answer and a solution. Then again it indicates that there are some matters on which the final word has not been spoken.

Where is the man and who is he who has all the truth on all subjects? Each man has some truth and possesses some light but no single individual is the epitome of all truth apart from all error. Only one person who ever lived claimed to be the embodiment of all truth and that was Jesus Christ who frankly proclaimed, "I am the truth." When we realize the truth of these statements we are caused to have a higher respect for our brethren in the Lord. It is possible that they have some truth that we have not apprehended; they may have caught a gleam that we have not yet seen all of which boils down to the beatitude, Blessed are those men who can learn from one another.

As individuals we are like the familiar picture of the man who goes down to the seashore and picks up here and there a

beautiful shell or an unusual stone and holds it up to his fellows saying, See what I have found, and goes his way while the great sea lies largely undiscovered before him. Some of us have found some very wonderful and lovely things in our search for truth, but there are others of God's children who have some precious treasures also; them also we would see. A lifetime is all too short a period of time for one man to unearth all the treasures to be found in God's spiritual mines; therefore God has blessed us by giving us brethren who have also been mining and have found some precious gems. Do you remember that burst of wonder which flowed from the apostle's pen when he wrote, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" The more we study God's Word the greater the realization of the truth of these words.

The search for truth is a great adventure. It is a challenge that is set before us. The apostle John speaks of "the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." There is much error in the world today; much false teaching is rampant. False teachers and false teachings constitute one of the signs of the last days. All false teaching will finally be consummated in "the lie." But even among God's people teachings are found that do not ring true to what the Word of God *actually* teaches. In some cases the traditions of men are substituted for the plain statements of the Scriptures for convenience. Many are in confusion because of a wrongly divided Word of God. Blind leaders of the blind take their followers into the ditch with them.

Are we able to discern between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error? The error, confusion, questioning and uncertainty all about us present a challenge to a diligent search for truth; a faithful, courageous declaration of it when we have found it.

There are some who object to the free and open discussion of certain subjects on the grounds that they are taboo, untouchable—must be left alone. Are we afraid to

search for truth lest when we have found it some of our pet theories will wither away when exposed to the light? Do we hesitate to face the teaching of God's Word lest we shall have to give up some spiritual contraband? Let there be light. Regardless of the cost or the consequences let us have the truth. There is no subject that we should shun or fear so long as our approach is honest and sincere.

Others object to argumentative discourse on the grounds that it "divides brethren" and "leaves hard feelings." If this is so it is merely indicative that we are infantile rather than mature spiritually. It ought to be remembered that the greatest eras in the history of the Christian church have been signalized by subjects demanding settlement both in regard to doctrine and church polity and by spiritual giants who were not afraid to stand up and declare what they believed, and why, in no uncertain manner. True progress is found in good-natured, sweet-spirited discussion. Surely when approached in the right spirit such discussion ought to bind us closer to one another by the very realization that we are fellow searchers seeking to discover the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Is it not possible for honest men to defend their viewpoint with vigor without someone jumping to the conclusion that "they are mad"? The answer to both of these questions is a decided Yes.

The writer has just returned from a fellowship meeting in which a subject was discussed by men who differed radically in their viewpoints. So interesting was the discussion and so ably conducted by men who saw the subject from widely different angles, each man vigorously standing for the truth as he saw it, that the meeting could hardly be brought to a close; in fact the dinner hour was forgotten until it was discovered that the time was moving along toward the afternoon meeting. When it was over, these men were all the more "brethren" because of the friendly effort in which they had been engaged. Were there "hard feelings"? Absolutely not, for they were men and not babes. It was evi-

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DEEPER LIFE CONFERENCE

The Nevada District fellowship meeting will be held at Reno at the Glad Tidings Assembly, 524 Bell Street, on Monday, October 7. Following this there will be a two-day Deeper Life Conference. Three services will be held each day. A number of the brethren will be ministering in the services. A special C. A. Deeper Life Rally will be held on Wednesday night in the closing service.

It is hoped that all the ministers of that area will be present and as many from other sub-districts as possible. This is the first time such a conference has been held in the State of Nevada. It would be a splendid gesture on the part of the California brethren to attend this conference so far as possible. It is suggested that possibly several car loads can be made up enabling many to attend.

Ministers and their wives will be given overnight accommodations and breakfast so far as possible.

Let all come praying for a gracious outpouring of God's Spirit as we together seek the face of the Lord.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Word has been received from Brother and Sister F. W. Thomas that the furniture for the new parsonage at Happy Camp has arrived and they thank everyone who helped with offerings at the W.M.C. meetings at camp meeting this year as these offerings were used for the purchase of a new unpainted bedroom set consisting of a bed, springs and mattress, chest, and dresser; and also a dining room set of four chairs and extension table. New window shades for the entire parsonage were also supplied and material for curtains for Sunday School rooms in the church, in addition to various articles which had been promised by individuals.

We are glad it was possible for the W.M.C. to help in this worthy cause and we ask an interest in the prayers of the

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A. A. Lowe, Roseville	5.00
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Paul Pipkin, Watsonville	15.00
C. O. Gunderson, Manteca	5.00
C. R. Tucker, Fortuna	1.00
A. and E. McBride, Rohnerville	1.00
E. Wm. and G. Anderson, Oakland	1.00
Hazel Youngman, Lodi	.50
Mrs. T. E. Scott, Santa Cruz	1.50
Mary Savidge, Redwood City	12.00
Miss Anna Taiasoff, Chico	5.00
S. P. McPherson, Lodi	5.00
J. W. Gunder, Sacramento	5.00
Henry Gill, Oakland	2.00
Marion Minogue, Hollister	2.00
W. A. Baird, Alameda	1.00
R. C. Hoxworth, Colfax	1.00
L. W. Belknap, Roseville	5.00

\$ 158.25

Previously reported 4,246.62

Total to date \$4,404.87

DISTRICT CHANGES

TRANSFERS IN:

Wheeler Anderson, Monterey (Licensed) from Southern California.

Robert Perryman, Sacramento (Ordained) from Southern California.

TRANSFERS OUT:

A. L. Calame, Wrangell, Alaska (Ordained) to Northwest District.

Mrs. A. L. Calame, Wrangell, Alaska (Licensed) to Northwest District.

different groups that God shall make this community church a lighthouse in that place and a blessing to the surrounding country.

The fund is about depleted now as it was not so large as last year, but we are glad for the good use it could be put to and we trust that next year more can be accomplished for His glory and to help our workers on the field.—Mrs. R. J. THURMOND, Assistant Director.

CONSCRIPTION BILL

Now that the Conscription Bill has been passed and young men between the ages of 21 and 35 years of age will have to register for a year's training for military service, we feel it an apt time to print herewith the resolution as passed by the General Council affirming our stand relative to military service. (This applies only to those who are members of our affiliated assemblies.) We trust the Lord will give our ministers wisdom in counseling regarding this matter and each should study thoroughly the stand of the General Council which states that we declare our unswerving loyalty to the government and to its chief executive and that we purpose to assist the government in time of war in every way morally possible consistent with our faith, excepting of course in the actual destruction of human life.

Article XIV of the General Council By-Laws entitled "Military Service" reads as follows:

While recognizing Human Government as of Divine ordination and affirming our unswerving loyalty to the Government of the United States, nevertheless we are constrained to define our position with reference to the taking of human life.

We, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, believe in implicit obedience to the Divine commands and precepts which instruct us to "Follow peace with all men" (Heb. 12:4), "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13), "Resist not evil" (Matt. 5:39), "Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44). These and other scriptures have always been accepted and interpreted by our churches as prohibiting Christians from shedding blood or taking human life; therefore, we, as a body of Christians, while purposing to fulfill all the obligations of loyal citizenship, are nevertheless constrained to declare we cannot conscientiously participate in war and armed resistance since this is contrary to our view of the clear teachings of the inspired Word of God which is the sole basis of our faith. At the same time the General Council hereby declares its unswerving loyalty to our Government and to its Chief Executive, and we purpose to assist the government in time of war in every way morally possible, consistent with our faith.

News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter

2622 W Street

Sacramento, Calif.

ALAMEDA—Evangelist and Mrs. Levi Larson held a two weeks' campaign with Pastor R. A. Wilson during the month of September.

BLUE LAKE—Sisters Carolyn W. Slattery and Irene A. Dennert write: "We are glad to report at this time that we are no longer holding cottage meetings. Our attendance increased until it was necessary for us to rent a larger place for a temporary church until we can build. We are praising God for doubling our Sunday School and church attendance in the last month."

BRICELAND—Brother George L. Overton writes that they have been enjoying some good meetings in which several have been saved. Services have also been conducted in White-thorn Valley in which God blessed the saints and convicted the sinners.

BRISBANE—Sister Violet Frith who recently started a new work here, reports that the Sunday School has increased to 27.

CAMPBELL—A C. A. Rally was held August 26 with about 150 in attendance. Z. P. Miller, pastor.

CERES—Evangelist Vernon Murray who has conducted several campaigns throughout the District, is the new pastor succeeding Brother M. B. Moore. At the present time a brother-in-law of Brother Murray, Evangelist L. R. McLamore, is occupying the pulpit during his absence.

COTTAGE GROVE—Brother and Sister George Kasparian write that the church services are increasing in attendance and new people are coming out from time to time. As it has been quite warm many stand on the outside during the services and give good attention. Many are raising their hands for prayer. The Sunday School has been showing an upward growth.

COVELO—Brother George R. Wood is the new pastor. He reports that the Sunday School is up to 42 in attendance.

DALY CITY—Sister Alta M. Fenton, pastor, writes that they are having a real revival with Brother and Sister C. A. Rich of Oklahoma.

FAIRFIELD—Pastor George Fletcher reports that a building has been secured which will be made suitable for church and parsonage.

FALLON, NEVADA—Brother and Sister Clyde Billings closed a two weeks' campaign August 27. Brother Paul Charles, the pastor, is in Minneapolis at the present time but Sister Charles is continuing with the services.

FORT BRAGG—On August 11 Dr. G. A. Trenner of Fort Bragg, a Bible teacher for many years, brought an evangelistic message on the subject of the Seven Sins against the Holy Ghost. Souls were stirred and many came forward at the close of the service to seek the Lord. The following Tuesday a remarkable healing took place. Alvin Culver, C.A. leader, was seri-

SCHEDULE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

October 7—Reno, Ukiah, Alameda, Tracy.

14—Sacramento, Redwood City.

21—Turlock, Petaluma.

22—Weed.

28—Live Oak, Salinas.

(Hereafter only two services will be held at the fellowship meetings in the North Sacramento Valley District, 2 and 7 p. m.)

ously burned from creosol, but after anointing him with oil and offering the prayer of faith he was delivered.

FORTUNA—Pastor Carl R. Tucker reports that Brother O. Park of Oakland held a short campaign the latter part of August which was very successful with outside people attending the meetings. Sisters Sylvia Boyer and Mildred Howard held a two weeks' campaign the first of September in which the blessing of the Lord was present in a very precious way.

GUERNEVILLE—Services are being held in the Community Church Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Mrs. Cecilia G. Nixon, pastor.

HAPPY CAMP—During a recent one week's campaign held by Robert Thomas, eight C.C.C. boys came forward for salvation and many of them show a determination to go on with the Lord, is the good word from Pastor Floyd W. Thomas.

HOLLISTER—Evangelist Reinhold Henke conducted a revival from August 25 to September 8. It was a time of encouragement to the church as a whole. Several souls sought the Lord and one backslider that was badly bound was delivered in a remarkable way. The meeting was well advertised by means of Brother Henke's address system. Evangelist Frank Isensee concluded a one week's prophetic campaign which was thought-provoking and caused real seriousness among many lukewarm believers. Marion Minogue is the pastor.

JANESVILLE—A recent campaign conducted by Brother and Sister John Mastries proved to be a great blessing to the church and community is the report of Sister Zelma Straddin, pastor. Two young people were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. A fellowship meeting was held September 2 with good attendance. Brother Morgan of Portola was the afternoon speaker and Brother S. H. Robertson of Reno brought the evening message. Sister S. H. Robertson spoke to the W.M.C. between the afternoon and evening services.

LINCOLN—On September 8 Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Trulin, recent graduates of the Northwest Bible Institute, began a campaign with Pastor M. H. Luce.

LIVE OAK—Evangelist Paul Pipkin held a campaign for Pastor W. T. Scott recently in which the Sunday School reached a new high of 184.

LOVELOCK—Misses Cora Brown and Bernice Schliecker write: "We are very happy to report that we are having an increase in attendance. The number in our services is better than it has been and the Sunday School and Children's Church show the greater attendance."

LOWER LAKE—Pastor William H. Elliott reports that recently a meeting was held by Evangelist Frank Dagle. The saints were blessed, and there were many that heard the gospel in the street meetings.

LOYALTON—Sister Esther L. Ensley writes: "Things are moving slowly here. We are having cottage meetings as we can not get a hall. There is not a vacant place in town. Pray that in some way we may be able to secure a building."

MADERA—The young people have been busy for the Lord visiting the cotton camps nearby in an effort to secure new Sunday School members. They have also been enjoying a series of Bible studies on the second coming of Christ. Robert Moore is the reporter for the C.A.'s.

MARTINEZ—Eleven were baptized August 18 reports Pastor A. B. Gee. The Walnut Creek assembly joined in the service and six were baptized from there.

MONTEREY—Wheeler Anderson of the Southern California District is the new pastor succeeding Brother George R. Wood who is now pastoring in Covelo.

NAPA—Brother A. L. Knudson has resigned as pastor. Brother and Sister F. T. Allford are supplying the pulpit temporarily.

NEVADA CITY—Sister Cora Luce was the speaker at the morning service of the South Sacramento District fellowship meeting on September 9. In the afternoon the ministers present brought brief messages and Pastor W. T. Gas-ton of Sacramento was the evening speaker. A Women's Missionary Council meeting was held following the afternoon service. Robert Carrington, pastor.

OAKLAND—Evangelist Price E. Robertson held a campaign at the Gospel Light Tent 4801 Hopkins Street, during August, reports Pastor Irving Ford. A 40 by 100 tent formerly used for show purposes has been purchased and equipped for gospel meetings. A large furnace has been installed. It is located on Highway 50 in East Oakland.

The farewell service for Brother L. H. (Jack) White, pastor at Bethel Tabernacle, was held Sunday, September 29.

Evangelist and Mrs. Levi Larson of the

Northwest District began a series of meetings at Temple Church, Sunday, September 22. E. Wm. Anderson is the pastor.

Pastor Harold S. Lehmann of the First Pentecostal Church reports a campaign in progress at the present time with Cecil L. Ellenwood as the evangelist.

ORLAND—Brother and Sister Roy Parks report that three persons have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit recently and people are becoming more interested in the meetings.

PALO ALTO—Evangelist Arne Vick began a campaign with Pastor R. H. Moon on August 25.

PATTERSON—C. R. Peterson formerly of Yreka is the new pastor succeeding William L. Hayes who resigned recently.

PETALUMA—Brother T. B. Don Carlos, pastor, has returned from a trip to Overton, Missouri, where he preached in the Methodist Church. Several were wonderfully saved and a real hunger for the deeper things of God was manifest. Brother Don Carlos also attended the Interstate Camp Meeting at Springfield, Missouri.

REDWOOD CITY—Pastor and Mrs. Wm. Savidge have recently returned from the East after a month's vacation. They preached at Versailles, Missouri, where a sister-in-law is co-pastor. During their absence Sister June Garrard supplied and the people enjoyed the splendid preaching. The interior of the church building has been completely refinished. The attendance is steadily increasing and there is a constant spirit of revival in the services.

SACRAMENTO—The Bethel Temple choir and ensemble have been busy this summer presenting special musical features each Sunday evening in the local church. They have also ministered in song elsewhere whenever possible. On September 12 the choir of 61 voices went to Yuba City and presented an evening of music at the grammar school auditorium sponsored by the Yuba City Full Gospel Church and their pastor, Lloyd C. Persing. On Friday night, September 20, a special evening of music was featured at the church with excellent attendance.

William Nagel held a series of meetings September 1, 2, and 3, which were greatly enjoyed by those who heard him. His messages on the European situation were extremely interesting. Having traveled throughout Europe, Asia Minor, Palestine and Northern Africa, he was well able to give authentic information of conditions. Nicholas Nicoloff of Bulgaria spoke September 22.

SALIDA—The tent meeting continues with good interest and increased attendance. Recently Brother C. Ely Persing reports \$100 was received in cash and pledges toward a building fund.

SALINAS—Evangelist and Mrs. F. A. Sturgeon held a profitable campaign in September at the Hebron Heights church with Pastor Fred Reichert.

SAN BRUNO—Evangelist C. E. Lebeck held a two weeks' campaign with Pastor Victor Sanderson, closing September 15.

SAN FRANCISCO—Evangelist Raymond T. Richey of Houston, Texas, held a three-day campaign at Glad Tidings Temple, September 17, 18, and 19. He also conducted two services

FILIPINO CONVENTION

The Filipino Assemblies of God, a branch of the General Council, held a convention in the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Selma, Calif., August 19 to 24. Brother E. C. Lagmay, president, reports that the blessing of the Lord was present from the beginning. Frequently there were manifestations of the Spirit and a gracious time of fellowship was had. The guest speaker for the convention was Ben Hardin, district superintendent of the Southern California District. The Filipino brethren request prayer for their work.

at Treasure Island, which proved a blessing to many who attended.

SAN JOSE—The Peninsula District fellowship meeting was held at Calvary Temple, September 9, with Pastor R. R. Carmichael. A ministers' meeting was held at one o'clock and also the W.M.C. met at the same time. Pastor R. H. Moon of Palo Alto was the afternoon speaker and Evangelist Arne Vick brought the evening message.

SAN JOSE—Evangelist and Mrs. Oliver L. Foth began a campaign with Pastor R. R. Carmichael on September 29.

SEASIDE—Evangelist William TaVares held a campaign in August for Brother Ralph Ware, pastor, and reports that the blessing of God fell in copious showers, saving many souls and baptizing believers in the Holy Ghost.

WITH CHRIST

The sorrowing word reached us that Sister Branch, wife of Brother Alvin Branch, dean of the Southern California Bible College, had passed away while in her sleep, to be with her Lord the night of September 4.

Sister Branch endeared herself to the hearts of many while Brother Branch was Bible teacher at two of our camp meetings and in several campaigns in this District. Our deepest sympathy is extended Brother Branch and other members of the family.

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Another Christian worker has laid down her armor, Sister Mary Lou Von Der Bruegge, gospel singer who for many years traveled with Evangelist Mary Moore throughout the United States. Sister Von Der Bruegge went to be with her Lord on July 22 at Auburn, Missouri. Death was due to uremic poisoning.

Many friends throughout the District will recall the meetings held by Sister Moore and Sister Von Der Bruegge in Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco and many other places a few years ago.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO—Brother C. E. Cartright, pastor, reports that the church is doing fine and the Sunday School reached 42 recently.

STIRLING CITY—On August 26 a fellowship meeting was held with W. T. Scott speaking in the afternoon and Paul Radley in the evening.

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Deeper Life Conference

RENO, NEVADA

Three Great Days - Oct. 7, 8, 9

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SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND SERVICES

MONDAY—All Day Nevada District Fellowship

TUESDAY—10:30 a. m., R. J. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer

2:00 p. m., W. H. Smith, Pastor, Richmond, Cal.

7:00 p. m., Leland R. Keys, District Superintendent

WEDNESDAY—10:30 a. m., E. O. Robeck, Pastor, Stockton, Cal.

2:00 p. m., Speaker to be announced

7:00 p. m., Great C. A. Conference Rally

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SUNDAY SCHOOL News OUR CORNER

MRS. BERNICE MAST,
District Sunday School Representative, Morgan Hill, Calif.

THE BIBLE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Bible—the revelation of Jesus Christ!

Until your lesson grips you as a Sunday School teacher you cannot expect your class to be gripped. All the major prophets before writing the inspired Scriptures had a revelation of Almighty God. Such a revelation would also help the teacher of the inspired Word.



Use your Bible in your teaching; it has a marvelous effect on your class. Teach your pupils to carry their Bibles. There is power in that Book! "Clean Bibles usually belong to lean Christians."

Teach the meaning of the familiar words and terms used in the Bible—words that are used frequently but which the children do not understand the meaning of.

Natural food goes into the mouth and from the mouth to the stomach. Spiritual food goes into the head and from the head to the heart. Be sure the Word of God reaches its destination. When the Word of God reaches the heart it will soon manifest itself in the daily walk and talk.

Reverence the Bible and your class will follow your good example.

ONLY

*Only a seed, but it chanced to fall
In a little cleft of a city wall;
And taking root, grew bravely up
Till a tiny blossom crowned its top.*

*Only a thought, but the work it wrought
Could never by tongue or pen be taught;
For it ran through life like a thread of gold,
And the life bore fruit a hundredfold.*

*Only a word, but 'twas spoken in love,
With a whispered prayer to the Lord above;
And the angels in heaven rejoiced once more,
For a new-born soul "entered in by the Door."*

A HEALTHY SCHOOL

Marion Lawrence says: "The Sunday School's purpose and aim should be to present the Word of God by the hand of competent living teachers to every man, woman, and child for the purpose of leading them to Christ, developing their Christian characters, and training them for service."

A HEALTHY SCHOOL AIMS TO GROW:

Spiritually—with a growing appetite for spiritual things, a growing tendency to pray, a greater love and interest in the Bible, our textbook.

In Size—gain in attendance, 20 per cent each year. The Sunday School should equal the church in size.

In Faithfulness—in attendance, lesson preparation, prayer and visitation. This should be found in pastor, superintendent, Sunday School officials and teachers. Your pupils will readily follow your good example.

In Efficiency—organization, classification of ages, record system, and above all in teaching.

In Evangelism—souls saved through the Sunday School. Decision day services where boys and girls are given opportunity to definitely decide for Christ.

In Extension—Cradle Roll, Home Department work, and neighborhood visitation.

Financially—teach the boys and girls to tithe. Greater interest in missionary giving.

THE SECRET OF BIBLE STUDY

1. *Study it through.* Never begin a day without mastering a verse.

2. *Pray it in.* Never leave your Bible until the passage you have studied is a part of your very being.

3. *Put it down.* The thought God gives you, put it in the margin of your Bible or in your notebook.

4. *Work it out.* Live the truth you get through all the hours of the day.

5. *Pass it on.* Seek to tell somebody what you have learned, for in so doing you clinch it in your own heart.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

I have just closed a meeting with a fine group of boys and girls who live up in the mountains at Stirling City. We had a grand time together and the Lord blessed our meetings. The boys and girls brought their Bibles faithfully to the Bible studies and showed real interest in memorizing their verses of Scripture. "Hiding it away in our hearts" is what we called it. Which reminds me—in the house where I stayed with Brother and Sister Rowley, the pastors, the window of my room opened right out on the side of the mountain. I could look out and see the tall pine trees and hear the blue jays call and watch the little animals of the forest hurry from tree to tree.

One early morning I heard a thump on the roof over my head; then scamper, scamper, patter, patter down the side of the house. Something had dropped out of the tree and was making its get-away, I thought. I looked out of the window in time to see a very busy little worker. He was one of God's little creatures and was doing exactly the work God gave him to do. A gray squirrel. And was he busy! He was filling his cupboard for the winter and he seemed to know that before very long now the snow would be falling and the cold rains and winds would come and he wouldn't be able to work any more. Wise, isn't he?

I wondered as I watched him if the boys and girls would remember to be as wise as the little gray squirrel. There is a cold winter coming our way, too. God calls it "judgment." Now is our time, boys and girls, to store away the good things of God into our hearts and to prepare for the time when we will not be able to work any longer. Here is what Jesus said about it: (Let's read it, what do you say?) John 9:4.

Praying for you,
YOUR SISTER MAST.

LET'S DO SOMETHING

How did you like your object lesson last month? Well, here is another one for this month. After you have tried it and gotten the lesson from it for yourself, perhaps you can do it for someone else and help them to see the lesson in it.

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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS WORLD'S ROUND TABLE

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THE MEANING OF LIFE

By J. WILLIAM HATTON

"The Lord is my Shepherd . . ."

"That I may know Him . . ."

Life must have a meaning the same as a word, a letter, a phrase, or a sentence. But, alas, too many lives are meaningless because they have lost that which governs life or that which gives life its meaning.

When we think of Moses and of Abraham Lincoln, these lives mean to us Emancipation. When we think of Jesus we know the meaning of that majestic life—Salvation. This was the theme of the poet who wrote:

*"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."*

Life without meaning is useless and hopeless, aimless and solitary.

Let me present a story of two girls—a story strange and sad. It is written that "one shall be taken and the other left," and perhaps there could be no better proof than this story, that the one who finds the meaning of the gift we call Life is safe in the keeping of the Lord our Shepherd, and that a soul that loses hold of life's meaning is indeed lost.

One of the members of the National Preaching Mission which swept the country a few years ago, went to preach to the morning assembly of a local high school. In the evening this man spoke again at a mass meeting in a great auditorium. During the scripture reading he noticed two girls sitting together in the front row. He knew their faces for they had been sitting together in the third row at the high school assembly in the morning. Now he had an odd, indefinite sense of some shadow hanging over them.

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT

A report has reached the Christ's Ambassadors' office of a wonderful C. A. rally held at Salida Monday evening, September 9. The meeting was held in the gospel tent and the crowd was so large that many were required to stand about the edge of the tent. Our District Superintendent, Leland R. Keys was the evening speaker and used for his text the scripture in Romans 14:17, "For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." This was a most successful rally, and there was a good spiritual response. R. G. Silber is sectional chairman.

"The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ the Lord," the great congregation sang. An usher handed the minister a note. It was a sheet torn from a school notebook. The words appeared to have been scribbled in more than mere haste, something like hysteria or dreadful mental travail. It read, "We are two high school girls. We heard you at school this morning. Neither of us can see any meaning in our lives. We are thinking of suicide. If you know anything to say to help us, please say it to-night." That was all.

Think of it! Two girls, about the age of the younger members of our Christ's Ambassadors, sitting there in the front row at a mass meeting of the Preaching Mission and planning to go out from that meeting and destroy themselves unless they could hear something that would make it bearable to go on living!

The great organ boomed forth, "Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult . . ." The congregation

rose to sing the hymn before the sermon and the minister stood with the rest. Then the lights around the auditorium were dimmed and only the platform remained brightly lighted.

The light above the platform picked out the faces of the two girls in the front row—faces strained, and taut, and white. The minister smiled down at them gently but with lips that trembled. Gone was the great congregation from his sight and from his consciousness; only the two girls were there, seeking desperately for God and the meaning of Life. "O God, help me!" the minister played. The congregation was finishing the hymn, singing, ". . . to Thine obedience; love and serve Thee best of all." Then the great, velvety voice of the organ died away to silence.

The minister stepped forward to the pulpit. He had prepared to preach one sermon, but instead he preached another. It was a far simpler message; perhaps too simple to be called a sermon. It began:

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

The minister paused and the great congregation was still. In the front row the two girls sat, their white, distraught faces upturned and tense, waiting, waiting. . . .

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PLAN TO ATTEND

Christ's Ambassadors Convention

November 9, 10, 11

Turlock, California

GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE

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1441 Ellis St., San Francisco

T. J. JONES BECOMES DEAN

It will be a happy surprise to many Californians who know and have heard Brother T. J. Jones of England, that he



T. J. Jones

has accepted the important position as Dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. We feel now that this is of the Lord and that the Institute, the Temple, and the District will be strengthened by his presence among us.

For the present Sister Hannah J. Robertson will be the new matron of the Institute. We believe that she will be a real mother to the student body.

Any interested young persons may receive our new illustrated catalog through the mail free for the asking. Write: Glad Tidings Bible Institute, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco.—R.J.C.

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ALUMNI

Lowell Dowdy '39 writes as follows: "God is blessing Half Moon Bay. We have been praying especially for the backsliders of this community and the Holy Spirit is working. One woman who has been a backslider for 22 years was strong'y convicted and about 10 o'clock at night she drove 8 miles to the church asking for prayer. She is now witnessing to others of His saving grace and is a real blessing to the assembly. Our Sunday School attendance has been higher during the past month than at any time since we came here. We have the only full gospel church on the coast side from Santa Cruz to Da'y City. This is a very needy field and there is much work to be done for the Lord."

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The sad news comes to us from Greenville, S. C., of the death of Brother Louis Tschemperlin '33. May God comfort his wife in this great sorrow.

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Emil Balliet '30 together with his wife, Gladys '31, held a two weeks' campaign at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. Their ministry was a real blessing to all. Richard Orchard of North Central Bible Institute, a splendid accordion player, assisted with the music during these meetings. Brother Balliet also held meetings with Brother Charles Weston '24 at Salem, Oregon, and with Brother Atwood Foster '30 of Cottage Grove, Oregon.

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Jennie O'Brien '26 is now in Northern California again after having spent four years in the Northwest and Central Districts. During this time she met graduates from G.T.B.I. wherever she went. She and her daughter, Thelma Jean, spent a year at Rome, Georgia, where they pioneered a new work. A new church has been built in this place since. They also held evangelistic meetings in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Tennessee, and Ohio.

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Members of the Alumni, we would like to hear from you from time to time through this column. Kindly mail your reports to Wm. Weinman, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco.

MEANING OF LIFE

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"My friends," the minister said gently, "I have a very simple message to give to you tonight—the message of a love that passeth all understanding." And he told the simple story of the love of Jesus.

When he had finished the organist began to play softly, "Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom. . . ." As the notes stole out through the great room, softly and tenderly, the minister prayed: "O God of peace, who has taught us that by returning to Thee and by resting in Thee we shall be saved, make us to know that in quietness and in confidence—in Thy arms of love—shall be our strength. By the might of Thy Spirit lift us, we pray Thee to Thy presence where we may be still and may know that Thou art God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

It must have been while he pronounced the benediction that the two girls slipped quietly away through a side door. Next day the Preaching Mission moved on to another city but two days later the minister received a letter: "A dear friend and I sent you a note at the auditorium the other night. I want you to know that you showed to me the *Meaning of Life* and a peace that I found only in Christ. I am sorry to tell you that my friend could not find her way to peace along with me. I am going to her funeral tomorrow. Please pray for me."

I know that this incident, so sad and so strange, speaks more eloquently than anything I might say. Nothing could better portray the tragic consequences when we as young people miss the *Meaning of Life*. We know that we are made and meant to commune with God Himself now and forevermore. We are not made for the trifling things of life; we are meant to live for eternity. The poet asks:

*"Why deck the flesh, the sensuous slave
of sin,
And leave in rags, the soul, the immortal
guest within?"*

And in the light of this moment and countless like it, does it pay to miss the "Meaning of Life, Christ Jesus, and leave 'in rags the immortal guest within'?"

ATWELLS LEAVE

Brother and Sister Gaylord Atwell, who have been associated with Glad Tidings Bible Institute for the past two years, left Saturday, September 28, for the land of their missionary call—China.

A host of friends in this District and elsewhere wish for them God's best as they launch upon this new work for their Master.

STUDIES IN REVELATION

By J. NARVER GORTNER

(Continued from last issue)

STUDY XIV—THE SEALED AND SAVED OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

Chapter 7

Brother L. E. Johnson, superintendent of the work in the Philippine Islands, sends a good report of the advancement made here. When the convention was held in March there were nine churches on the islands and now there are twenty-three. The Pentecostal message is being heard for the first time in many places.

Recently twenty-one converts were baptized in water is the word that comes from Brother and Sister Burt Evans, missionaries in Santa Ana, El Salvador, Central America. Three of these believers came up out of the water rejoicing in the blessing of the Holy Spirit. The Bible school opened August 19 with many native students entering in preparation for gospel work in their own land. Brother Evans also writes that news came to them not long ago that four assemblies had been closed by state officials. After much prayer a group went to the authorities to intercede for the reopening of the churches and at first were rebuffed but God moved upon the hearts of the leaders and permission was granted for the doors to remain open.

Brother and Sister A. L. Calame write from Wrangell, Alaska, that a young man was saved a short time ago while he was in the hospital. They are encouraged by the good response to the Word on the part of this brother. Despite the busy fishing season the attendance at the Sunday school is continuing steady, and with new people coming in it is believed the numbers will be appreciably increased.

During the absence of Bernice Strickland the work in Hawaii is being carried on by her sister, Clio who writes that a Chinese girl and also a Japanese boy will be leaving for this country to go to Bible school. These two young people are faithful workers and will be greatly missed in Hawaii, but it is anticipated that others will fill their places as workers and Sunday school teachers.

Sometime ago the Missions Department at Springfield asked Brother and Sister J. W. Nilsen who have been laboring in the Congo Belge, Africa, if they would consider making a change to Tanganyika territory where the Pentecostal Holiness people have a mission station. The residing missionaries had returned to America and

6. The number that were sealed. Twelve thousand of each of the twelve tribes, 144,000 in all. It has been asked, "Do you suppose John counted them?" No. Why try to create a difficulty where no difficulty exists? John simply says, "I heard the number of them that were sealed." Alford says, "No one that I am aware of has taken it literally." That was a long time ago. I was not living then, neither were some other interpreters of the Word. I am numbered among those who are foolish (?) enough to believe what has been written. That the Bible contains *figures of speech* I concede, but these *figures* are not to be regarded as *figures of speech*. Here are definite numbers. If the Bible which tells us that our Lord chose twelve apostles is to be believed, and we are not to say that the *twelve* simply represented an *indefinite number* of apostles that He chose, why should we conclude that what we have here is an indefinite number? Mark the fact that the tribes of Dan and Ephraim are not included in the list. Levi and Joseph being inserted to

were unable to resume their labors and the Assemblies of God were requested to take over the work. Brother and Sister Nilsen write: "There is a very good work started there with several hundred baptized Christians. We desire a special interest in your prayers as we enter this new field of service. The language is very difficult. We are responsible for a territory several hundred miles long." Their new address will be: P. O. Mbeya, Igali Mission, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa.

Brother and Sister Grimmette (Esther Harvey) will be returning to India October 3. They will sail from Seattle, Washington, on the M.S. Hikawa Maru, Japanese line.

Bernice Strickland and Jane M. Horino are expecting to sail for Hawaii October 25. They are stopping at Mrs. Montgomery's rest home in Oakland and will be leaving from there. Any pastors desiring them for a missionary meeting can contact them at 4700 Daisy Street, Oakland.

take their place. The reason is apparent. Read Deut. 29:18-21. It was the tribe of Dan that first came under this curse (Lev. 24:10-16), and Dan and Ephraim were participants at a later period in introducing idolatry into Israel (Jud. 18:2, 30, 31). At a still later period Jeroboam made golden calves and set them up in the tribe of Dan (1 Kings 11:26; 12:28-30). See also Hos. 4:17. Grace, however, finally triumphs, and we find that Dan and Ephraim are each to be accorded a portion in the land after Israel shall have been restored and the kingdom under Messiah shall have been set up. See Ezek. the 48th chapter.

7. The object of the sealing. Preservation. No destructive agency that will operate during the tribulation will be allowed to harm one of the sealed ones. Every one of the sealed ones will go through the tribulation unscathed, and every one will stand at the end of the tribulation with the Lamb on Mount Zion, which will not be, as some would have us believe, the heavenly Zion, but the earthly Zion, Jerusalem (14:1).

II. The Blood-Washed Multitude

Verses 9-12. The vision of what will be seen in heaven after the tribulation shall have run its course leads us to see that there will be a great revival upon earth after the rapture of the saints shall have taken place. It is likely that many who profess to be Christians will be left at the time of the rapture, and when they awaken to a realization of the fact that the rapture has taken place and that they have been left behind they will go down before God and earnestly seek His face. In this way they will "wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb." The question is sometimes asked, "How, if the Spirit is not here, can people be saved during the tribulation?" It is taken for granted that the restraining influence (2 Thess. 2:7) that is now operating is the Holy Spirit, and that when the church shall be taken out of the world by translation that restraining influence will be taken out of the way; or, in other words, that the Holy Spirit is in the world only insofar as He is in the church, and that the Spirit will go up out of the world when the church shall go up. But it should be borne in mind that the Spirit was in the world before the beginning of the church age. He was not here, it is true, in the

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PERSONAL MENTION

William F. Kirkpatrick supplied the pulpit of the Turlock assembly for two Sundays during the absence of Pastor and Mrs. H. E. Alford.

E. L. Stubbs, former pastor at Willits, has been quite ill.

Kenneth Haystead supplied for Brother Wesley Steelberg in Philadelphia for six weeks and is at present in Wrightsville, Pa. He will go to Freeland, Pa., Newark, N. J., and Chambersburg, Pa. this fall for special meetings.

Evangelist Julia M. Peterson reports that she is in her second week of meetings in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The Lord has been blessing and on a Sunday night six young people were at the altar for salvation. A sister was brought under conviction for having in her possession several hundred dollars worth of books on pernicious teaching and a bonfire was held in which they were all destroyed.

Paul Thommen was elected vice-president of the Indiana C. A.'s at a convention recently held at Gary, Ind.

Ada and Edith Nichols, former pastors at Calistoga, write from their home at Ocean Beach, Cal., that they are assisting in a tent meeting there.

Brother and Sister Bernard Johnson of San Francisco returned from a trip through Oregon and Washington. "We can truly say the Lord was with us," they write. "We had the privilege to hold two services at the Hollywood Temple in Seattle. We had 13 meetings in 14 days. In Ballard we had the joy of leading four souls to the Lord." Brother and Sister Johnson plan to leave on the M.S. Rio De Janerio Moru from Los Angeles on November 17 for Brazil, where they will take up missionary work in the name of the Lord.

Mrs. Viola Griggs, pastor of the Sebastopol assembly, has been quite ill for several weeks, but is now on the road to recovery.

The Lightbearer's Quartet have been keeping busy in the evangelistic field. From Salem, New Jersey, they write: "People have been saved almost every night. We are looking for a real downpour of God's power."

Ernest L. Adams of Modesto reports the opening of a new work with about 50 in attendance in Sunday School.

Brother and Sister William D. Swanson, who for some time have been busily engaged in evangelistic effort, have accepted the pastorate at Bethel Temple, Chicago.

Pastor A. A. Lowe of Roseville has been quite ill in the hospital in San Francisco. Also Pastor M. P. Bohnet of Santa Rosa and Brother F. W. Thomas of Happy Camp have both been afflicted but are improving now. Prayer is requested for the complete healing of our brethren.

C. W. Hirschy, formerly of Monterey, writes us that he has opened an Episcopal church building that had been closed for nearly twenty years at Silverton, Colorado. There have been several conversions and at present the Sunday School is growing rapidly in numbers. He asks for his transfer to the Colorado District as he is called to stay there as pastor.

HERE AND THERE

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Recently a two weeks' Daily Vacation Bible School was held by Sister Bernice Mast. God's blessing was upon the effort for building up the Sunday School, is the report of Pastor A. Rowley.

TUOLUMNE—Pastor Joseph Harper reports that recently special meetings were conducted by Evangelist Jack Opie which continued three weeks. Souls were saved and the saints revived. At every service many hands were raised for prayer for salvation. Both young and old found the Lord as their personal Saviour. The people enjoyed the special music, duets, and solos by Brother and Sister Opie as well as the new choruses taught them from night to night.

VACAVILLE—The North Bay District fellowship meeting was held September 16 with Pastor C. F. Gamble. The afternoon message was brought by Mrs. Hazel MacLeod, and Pastor T. B. Don Carlos spoke in the evening.

VALLEJO—Evangelists Thomas Jackson and Edwin Holmes have been supplying the pulpit for the past few weeks.

WALNUT CREEK—Pastor W. L. Ray reports that Wilbur Ogilvie held a campaign the latter part of September in which a blessed revival spirit prevailed.

WATSONVILLE (Pajaro)—Evangelist Oliver L. Foth held a campaign for Pastor Harold D. Byram beginning September 1.

WESTWOOD—In the absence of Pastor Earl Larson, Mrs. June Garrard brought the morning message, Sunday, August 18. She reports that a gracious spirit of revival prevails in the church. Souls are being saved and filled with the Spirit.

WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA—Brother and Sister C. V. Hummel who have been conducting services for several weeks in the portable tabernacle, will be leaving October 14. Brother and Sister John Mastries, formerly of Portola, will continue with the services. A barrel stove has now been installed in the tabernacle, making it quite comfortable for the cool evenings. Sister Hummel's mother from Berkeley, Mrs. Buell, has been assisting in the services for the past ten days.

Brother Clifford Catledge was the special speaker at the Grant Grove Church, August 25 to 28, at the General Grant National Park.

Minnie Williams and Luther Perkins were united in marriage Saturday evening, September 21, at 8 o'clock in the First Pentecostal Church at Pacific Grove by Pastor O. L. Ellenwood. Sister Perkins was formerly a missionary in Peru, and Brother Perkins is well known on the Monterey peninsula and other places for his faithful ministry. The couple plan to leave for Peru October 14.

If God places a Joseph in Egypt, a Daniel in Babylon, saints in Caesar's household. He will be with them there. But if a Lot deliberately chooses Sodom, God may have to burn him out.

IN THY HAND

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Maybe in your hand is the power of influence and teach, to feed their hungry hearts with the Bread of Life. Yield what you have to the Master.

Mary, what is that in thy hand? "A pound of ointment, very precious." "And she poured it upon His feet and wiped His feet with her hair and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment." Though it was but little she brought the most precious thing she had to Jesus. What seemingly small thing is that you are holding in your hand, the sweetness of which if yielded to Jesus would fill all the place where you are?

And may we not expect to some day give an accounting for the way we have used and yielded that which we hold in our hand? "And another book was opened which is the Book of Life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." (Rev. 20:12.)

OUR CORNER

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Here are the things you will need: a water glass (one with slanting sides is best), enough corks to fill the glass, a pitcher of water, and a tray or pan. Set the glass in the tray or pan and you will be ready for our lesson.

The glass, we'll imagine, is the heart and mind of a boy or girl. Let's name the corks as we drop them into the glass: Selfishness, Disobedience, Lying, Laziness, Cheating, Irreverence, etc. Corks, you know, are stoppers; so selfishness and disobedience and all other sins stop us from going to heaven.

Now the glass is filled with corks, stoppers—a heart filled with sin. What shall we do about it? Let Jesus in, of course! The pitcher of nice clean water will represent the Lord Jesus and His wonderful salvation. Let's pour the water from the pitcher into the glass of corks and see what happens. When Jesus comes in, sin has to go out, doesn't it? Right away we are reminded of a verse that would make a fine text for our little sermon, "And the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7.)

Confession of sin is not a sign of weakness, but rather an evidence of the desire to conquer.

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As soon as I had permission from the military authorities in Germany, I prepared to come to the United States in the fall of 1903. While I did not intend to stay in this country, yet in going such a distance my heart was again lifted to a higher plane at times. While studying languages one morning in the Royal Garden of Darmstadt (a park of the Grand Duke of Hesse, open to the public), and being unable to concentrate on my lesson on account of the things lying before me in the future. I said to myself: "Cannot God, who is the maker of all languages, give us the gift to speak any language we need?" With that I closed my book, and in getting up I uttered a language which I did not understand. But a great joy came over me and I ran through the garden. I then stopped to look around whether anyone had seen me for I was ashamed of my behavior. From this standpoint, of course, it would be strange that David was not ashamed when he danced before the ark of God. I could not explain this, and had forgotten it until I received my baptism in the Holy Ghost in full and knew that one of the signs that followed them who believed was the speaking in other languages.

In the winter of 1906-1907 my mother was taken sick, and I received letter after letter to come home. While I wanted to see my dear ones and also was eager to discuss my plans for the future with them, yet I thought that their urging was only a ruse to bring me back. I did not want to go back for good for I had already breathed the freer air of our country, which is quite an inducement for a Jew who had to labor under great disadvantages in Germany. In the spring of 1907 my sister wrote that if I would not come immediately I would probably find my mother in the grave. I packed and went. When my people received the telegram from my brother who had waited for me, saying that I arrived safely on German soil, my mother got out of bed a well woman. I was assured that she had been seriously ill for months.

All sources were now put into action to make me stay. The acceptance of certain positions was suggested, partnership in an established business was offered; marriages were proposed; without avail. I declared that I would rather go on making wages and live a quiet life than fretting and worrying myself to death trying to get rich. I do not mean to say that I had no ambi-

tion then to rise in this world and make a name for myself. I was very proud—and later particularly for my wife's sake—to see my name printed in technical journals and newspapers. I would write discussions and abstracts as an advertisement for the great "I." Of this I was so thoroughly cured upon receiving my baptism that I did neither want to write anything nor see my name anywhere, and at one occasion in the Lord's work He had to tell me that I must place my name to confess Him. When my mother saw that she would not prevail in her arguments, she inquired about Jewish girls in this country, a thing which to me seemed very strange to come from my mother. I told her that I only knew poor girls. "Well, then marry a poor girl," she said. In this we agreed for it had always been my intention to make a poor girl happy. I reasoned that I should never hear the end of it should I marry a rich girl, while I could rejoice in seeing a poor woman made happy by my labors. On visiting my older sister, I told her about the strange conversation with mother. She answered: "I tell you something, but do not let it be known. Mother had a dream, and she said like one of those that always come true, that you would marry a Gentile if you would return to America." I surely had to laugh at such an idea. For although I knew my wife at that time, nothing seemed further removed than that. I passed it off as a joke, and had forgotten all about it until long after it had really taken place, and I had received my baptism, when the Holy Spirit whispered to me about the plight that Samson's parents were in. I am giving some of these things in detail that the Lord's working may be seen in them by whosoever will.

Returning to Philadelphia in the summer of 1907, I looked up my various Jewish acquaintances. I had seen a few things of the world, and I intended not to go into matrimony haphazardly, but with a clear head, weighing the consequences. Meeting with one disappointment after another, I soon gave up contemplating marriage, and I began to move more in Gentile circles.

It was not long before I could see that both Jew and Gentile are going on as good as they can, and that neither of them were angels. I could and would not believe in Jesus, but this I concluded, that in their sin Jew and Gentile are alike before God.

(Next month Brother Freimark will tell of his wife's serious illness and of her subsequent miraculous healing.)

VOICE

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dent that it is possible to differ widely in opinion and yet love one another fervently. Every man who spoke contributed something constructive to the discussion.

While in this life in which we "see through a glass darkly" good men will differ in their viewpoints and in their interpretations of Scripture, but truly spiritual men will walk "with all lowliness and meekness . . . endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Let us all agree on the great fundamentals,—the grand essential truths of our most holy faith. Let there be no uncertainty there; some things we *know*. In lesser matters over which there may be some disagreement, let us be as liberal toward the other person's idea as we would want him to be toward ours,—giving him the same liberty of thought and expression that we would demand for ourselves. In all things let love prevail. Let love be the ruling motive of our actions and all our words until angels in heaven and men on earth will acknowledge that among us *love reigns supreme*.

REVELATION

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same measure, or in the same fashion, in which He has been here since the church age began, the church age beginning with the outpouring of the Spirit "when the day of Pentecost was fully come." After the church age shall have come to a close the Spirit will be here in the same measure in which He was here during the old dispensation, the dispensation of law, for the dispensation in which we are now living having come to an end, the world will be back again under the old dispensation. The Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks in Daniel, the 9th chapter, shows us very clearly that the entire seventy weeks belong to the dispensation of law, being "determined" upon the Jews and upon Jerusalem. The church age is fitted into a parenthesis between the sixty-ninth and seventieth weeks, and so when the church age shall end the seventieth week will begin. So the conditions that will then obtain in the world, so far as the Holy Spirit is concerned, will be the same as obtained before the parenthetical period began. And we know, of course, that people were saved under law in the days of the old dispensation.

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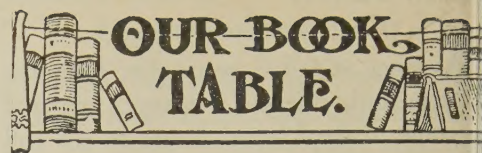
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